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experienced in meeting it because of lack of funds, and if possible devise some means of using a portion of the Smith-Lever funds for this purpose. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

There followed a paper on "The sources of agricultural statistics," by Miss Mary G. Lacy, of the library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. [The paper, with an appended list of statistical sources, will appear in the *Library Journal*.]

Miss Barnett, for the Handbook Committee, reported progress and it was decided that the material in hand be circulated among agricultural libraries for criticism and suggestions.

Mr. Hepburn proposed the following of-

committee appointed at Louisville in 1917 which recommended to the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations that each agricultural experiment station be requested to keep a reserve supply of not less than 150 copies of each publication issued, to be drawn on in completing sets in libraries. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Miss Barnett and Mr. Hepburn, proposed the following officers for the coming year, and on motion they were elected: Chairman, Vera M. Dixon, assistant librarian, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; secretary, Lucy E. Fay, librarian, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

MARY G. LACY,  
Secretary.

## CATALOG SECTION

The Catalog Section met Tuesday evening in the club room of the Grand Union hotel, with the chairman, Miss Adelaide F. Evans of the Detroit Public Library, presiding. The secretary, Miss Mary F. Baker of the University of Missouri Library, was unable to be present and Miss Leta E. Adams of Gaylord Brothers acted in her stead.

In a most interesting personal letter to Miss Evans, read by Miss Mary E. Hyde, Lieut. Willis F. Sewall, of the adjutant general's office, told of "War Department Indexes." [Extracts from this letter are given on page 242.]

Dr. C. W. Andrews of the John Crerar Library presented a report from the Decimal Classification Advisory Committee. He said such slight progress had been made during the year that it might almost be called a "report of standing still." The committee felt that unless there was a decided change for the better during the coming year, they should either go on independently or else ask to be discharged.

In the symposium on "Cataloging economies," which followed, the speakers were decidedly conspicuous by their absence.

Miss Jennie M. Flexner, of the Louisville Free Library, read a paper written by Miss May Wood Wigginton of the same library, on

CATALOGING ECONOMIES: MEETING THE DEMANDS OF WAR SERVICE CATALOGING  
(See p. 245)

The next paper, written by Miss Grace B. McCartney, of the Rochester Public Library, was read by Miss Adeline B. Zachert of the same library, on the subject

CATALOGING ECONOMIES: HOW ROCHESTER ECONOMIZES  
(See p. 247)

Miss Margaret Mann, of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, read the paper of Miss Adah Patton of the same library, entitled

THE CARE OF GIFT PAMPHLETS  
(See p. 249)

Miss Katharine Dame, of the New York State Library, read the paper of Mr. T. Franklin Currier, of Harvard College Library, the title being

COST REDUCTION IN CATALOGING  
(See p. 243)

Considerable discussion of short cuts in general and especially the elimination of

Cutter numbers followed. Some of those taking part were Mr. G. W. Lee of the Stone and Webster Library, Mr. J. C. M. Hanson of the University of Chicago Library, Mr. Charles Martel of the Library of Congress, Dr. E. C. Richardson of Princeton University Library, Miss Rena Reece of the Denver Public Library, Miss Jennie M. Flexner of the Louisville Free Library and Miss Leta E. Adams of Gaylord Brothers.

Mr. Maurice Slog, of 713 Madison Avenue, New York City, announced the formation of a French information bureau and clearing house and invited the patronage of the librarians present.

Mr. Herbert C. Collar of the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, spoke very fully on the making of "Index cards for maps found in certain periodicals."

The Committee on Nominations, through Miss Sophie Hiss of the Cleveland Public Library, chairman, named the following as officers of the section for the ensuing year: Chairman, Miss Jean Hawkins, of the New York State Library School; secretary, Miss Adah Patton, of the University of Illinois Library.

These officers were elected and the meeting was adjourned.

LETA E. ADAMS,  
Acting Secretary.

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION

The Children's Librarians Section met Tuesday evening, July 2, with Miss Sarah C. N. Bogle of the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, in the chair. But one session of the section was held, therefore a business meeting preceded the program.

A report of the permanent committee of five on the production of children's books, of which Miss Burnite is chairman, was read by Miss Hazeltine and approved as read. The committee had studied the situation and obtained some definite information after getting reports from about thirty publishers who "replied in a spirit of interest and a desire for coöperation." It is not surprising that none of them felt that there was anything that could be done to improve the physical qualities of the books just now.

Nearly all of the publishers in answer to the question, "In what ways may this committee be of service to your firm," asked that they be apprised of the plan of work and decisions of the committee. One firm would welcome an opportunity to put suggested ideas and manuscript of books before the committee or a specially suggested committee of children's librarians, and would contribute something to the expense of such coöperation.

The committee recommended that the next step be the securing from publishers some definite statement of books which they expect to reprint and especially those which they plan to reset, to determine whether any changes seem wise in illustration, make-up or text.

The committee also recommended the advisability of finding out from the publishers those books which are out of stock and which they are not planning to republish and whether publishers would be interested in a statement from the large libraries as to the importance of continuing particular titles.

The committee considered that much of the success of any attempt to influence the production of better books for children depended on a cordial relationship between the committee and the publisher, especially on the confidence of the publisher in the practical judgment of the committee.

A list of examples of books of unsatisfactory typography and books which do not wear well has been prepared by this committee.

None of the speakers scheduled on the regular program were able to be present. Miss Adeline B. Zachert read Miss Caroline Burnite's paper on